

## House Resolution No. 4429

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize the Jackson County Adult Drug Court, of Jackson County, Missouri, which is observing its fifteenth year of service to its community this month; and

**Whereas**, drug courts combine judicial accountability and evidence-based treatment to effectively intervene against substance abuse and related crime; and

**Whereas**, Jackson County Adult Drug Court was established in October 1993 as the first drug court in the state of Missouri and one of the first in the nation; and

**Whereas**, results of more than one hundred national program evaluations have yielded definitive evidence that drug courts are demonstratively effective and significantly improve substance-abuse-treatment outcomes, substantially reduce crime, and produce greater cost benefits than other justice strategies; and

**Whereas**, the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Jackson County, the Jackson County Prosecutors Office, Missouri Public Defenders District 16, Missouri Probation and Parole District 4B, substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement, researchers and educators, community leaders, and others dedicated to the movement have had a profound impact within their communities; and

**Whereas**, as October 2008 marks the fifteenth anniversary of the Jackson County Adult Drug Court, the Court celebrates the promise of recovery and of restoring hope to drug-court graduates and their families:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations and admiration to the Jackson County Adult Drug Court on the illustrious occasion of its fifteenth year of success; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Jackson County Adult Drug Court.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mike Talboy  
District No. 37

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4429, adopted October 21, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker